**Patent** 

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## **Amendments to the Claims**:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1 - 21 (Canceled)

22. (Previously Amended) A pickup comprising:

an upper coil;

a lower coil; and

a single, uniformly completely flat non-magnetized ferromagnetic plate disposed between the upper coil and the lower coil.

- 23. (Previously Added) The pickup as recited in claim 22, further comprising at least one magnetic pole piece disposed partially within the upper coil and disposed partially within the lower coil and extending through at least one hole in the ferromagnetic plate.
- 24. (Previously Added) The pickup as recited in claim 23, wherein at least one magnetic pole piece extends from above the upper coil to the lower coil.